Whoa, it's getting dark outside.
We should go soon.
Wait! I can't decide which dress I want!
I thought you were set on the yellow one...

I was, but then I felt bad for abandoning the other dresses.
I just don't know--
I love them all!

Amy, we're not adopting puppies here.
We're just buying a dress.
You need to make a

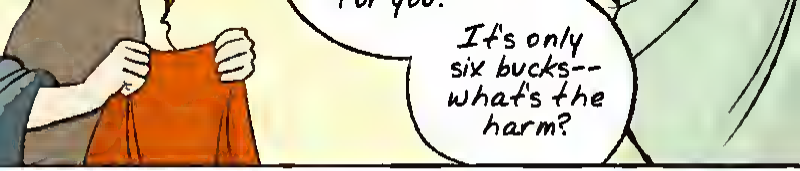
decision.

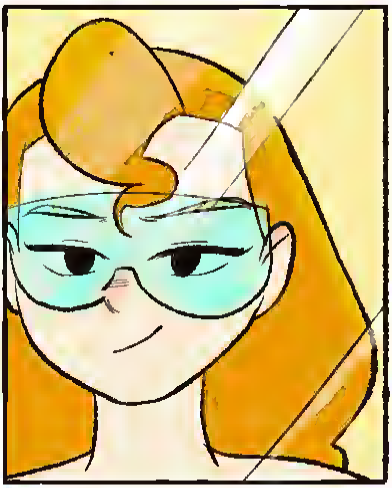
Sigh...
You're right.

Here--
We'll start by putting this one back.
Okay...
Hey, did I pick this out for you?

No, I got it from the dollar bin.
It's nice isn't it?
It's Garmani.
What?
It's a luxury brand--

Super high-end.
GARMANI
Oh, well you should try it on if you like it.
Oh--
You know I can't buy stuff from thrift stores...
Even if it is Garmani.
Tell you what, if you like it I'll buy it


It's only six bucks-- what's the harm?



RING
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Hello?

Hey,
Cassie.
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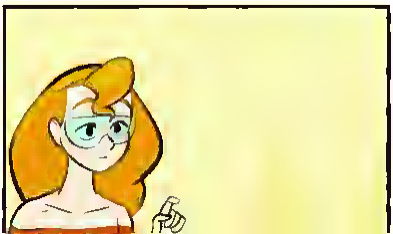
David!
Oh my gosh--
Youre going to die when you see the dress I'm wearing right now.

Here, let me send you a picture...
FLASH!

Oh, um--
Okay.
Listen, I wanted to apologize for how I acted during lunch today.
Oh, yeah...
Why'd you explode like that?
I think I've just been keeping a lot of things bottled up lately...

Uh huh.
Like what?

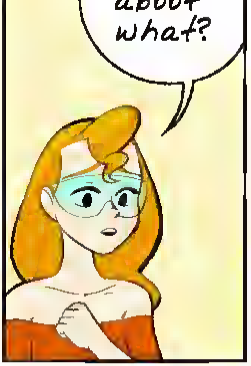
Um--
Thingss.
Thingss I've been unwilling to see until now.



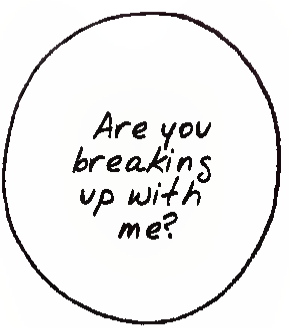
Okay...

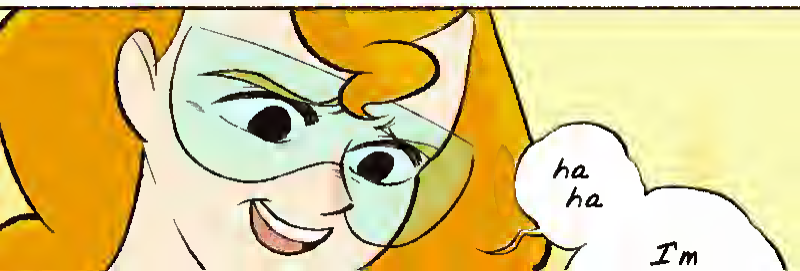
Anyways, I was wonderings-- can we meet up to talk?
I just got done with football practice, so I need to take a shower, but after that I can--

Wait--
Talk

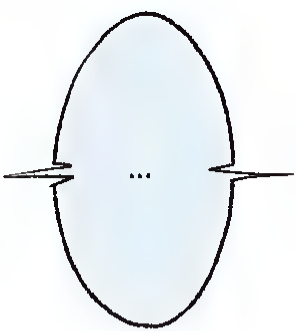

about what?

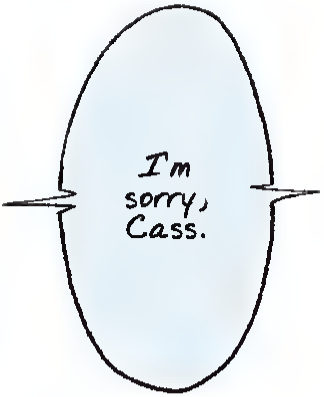
Are--
Are you--


Are you breaking up with me?

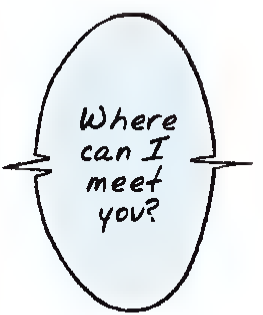

ha
ha
I'm

just being paranoid, right?



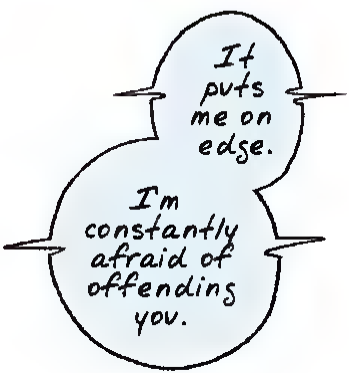

I'm sorry, Cass.

But let's not do this over over the phone.


Where can I meet you?

David...
Why?
Why do you want to break up?
...

fight all the time.
You might not have noticed, because you win all the fights, but...
...we do.


It puts me on edge.
I'm constantly afraid of offending you.

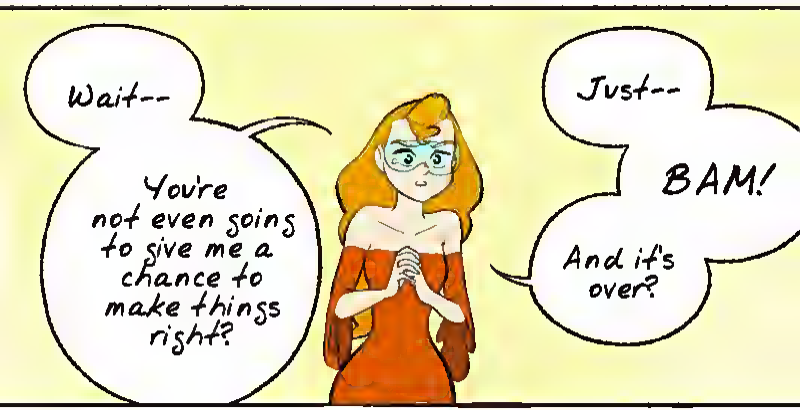
I can't seem to make you happy no matter how hard I try and it's exhausting.

I guess I haven't had the words for it until now.

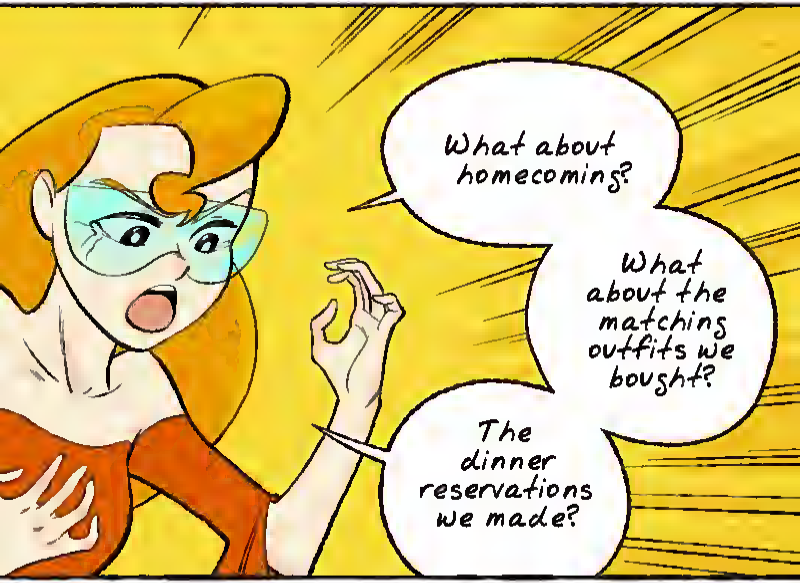
I--

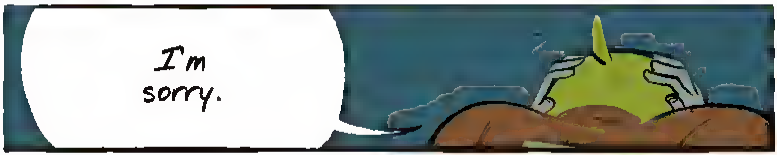
I'm not sure it's something we can fix, Cass.

I kind of think maybe we're just not meant for each other.


Wait--
You're not even going to give me a chance to make things right?
Just--
BAM!
And it's over?

SCREW YOU, DAVID!


What about homecoming?
What about the matching outfits we bought?
The dinner reservations we made?


I'm sorry.

You couldn't find the words to express yourself--
Give me a break!

You were just too much of a coward to speak up!
You hate conflict so much that you'd rather break things off and run away than do the hard work of being in a relationship!
You're right, Cassie--
I'm sorry.
You win.

You always win.
You can't not win.
What else am I supposed to do here?
I'm fighting for us, David!
Are you?

I'm sorry, Cass.

I just can't fight anymore.

I'm done.

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